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Dear Ms. Summerson and Mr. Bishop,

- 1 [I am deeply concerned that the proposed Yucca Mountain site for nuclear waste disposal is an unacceptable choice as a nuclear waste repository due to the geological fault lines that run through and near the Yucca Mountain area. These highly deadly waste materials should be stored on-site, in retrievable casks, and not transported across the country. Neither should they be stored underground in an unstable geological area. The DOE needs to be spending resources to find how to remediate these highly toxic radioactive wastes on-site.]
- 2 [Yucca Mountain has been a sacred and beloved site for thousands of years to the local Native American tribes. This proposed storage site is in violation of the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley with the Western Shoshone, which clearly defines territorial borders for their nation. In April of 2004, the United Nation's Committee to End Racial Discrimination upheld the Shoshone claim in a record decision, and their declaration clearly identifies the Yucca Mountain Repository as one of several ongoing serious human rights violations by the United States against the Western Shoshone Nation.]
- 3 [The ongoing and indisputable research on this site clearly shows that storing nuclear waste in this area is not safe or ethical. Please do not allow the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository. Instead, please use your position of responsibility to stand for a sane, just, and sustainable society for the future generations.]

Sincerely,



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